

## **GRADE SEVEN STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT**

**Prior to the entry of seventh grade**, students are required to get a tetanus booster. The Massachusetts law states, as defined in 105 CMR 220.400 that beginning on September 1, 1999, a booster of **Tdap** vaccine **is required for all students entering seventh grade** if it is five or more years since their last dose. Tdap is a single booster for children ages 10 and older. It has less diphtheria and pertussis than the primary series. Your child will need to get this vaccine or **will not be allowed to return to school until they have received this vaccine**. Once your child has received their tetanus it would be appreciated if written confirmation was forwarded to the school nurse to be part of your child's permanent record.

Please let the school nurse know if there are any medical or religious exemptions by forwarding a written note to the school. Your child **will not be allowed** to enter school unless written confirmation is received.

If you have any questions regarding this booster please notify the school nurse at 508-885-8556 during the hours of 7:45am to 2pm. You may also fax the confirmation to 508-885-8557.

Sincerely,

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